CULTURAL DIVERSITY

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WHAT IS YOUR NATIONAL ORIGIN?

- CAUCASIAN (WHITE, ANGLO-SAXON, EUROPEAN)
- AFRICAN-AMERICAN
- NATIVE-AMERICAN
- ASIAN (KOREAN, THAI, CHINESE, JAPANESE, ETC.)
- AFRICAN
- HISPANIC
- CARRIBEAN (HAITIAN, JAMAICAN, ST. LUCIAN, ETC.)
1. DEFINE CULTURE AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Culture: The arts, customs and habits that characterize society or nation.

Cultural diversity: the variety of human societies or cultures in a specific region or in the world as a whole.
2. DEFINE STEREOTYPE AND IDENTIFY HOW YOU MAY HAVE STEREOTYPED PEOPLE IN THE PAST.

- STEREOTYPE: AN OPINION THAT GENERALIZES A GROUP OF PEOPLE
- IDENTIFY: WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO STEREOTYPE PEOPLE?
3. STUDY THE FOLLOWING BIBLE TEXTS AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1 CORINTHIANS 9:20
 How does this text explain the importance for a Christian to have a cultural diversity awareness?

GALATIANS 3:27
 What does this text say about all who are in a family of Christ?

EPHESIANS 2:14
 What should be the result of accepting Christ Jesus into our lives?
HOW DO YOU PLAN TO APPLY THIS MESSAGE TO YOUR EVERYDAY LIFE?
4. DEVELOP A FRIENDSHIP WITH A BOY, GIRL OR OLDER PERSON FROM YOUR CHURCH, SCHOOL OR COMMUNITY WHOSE CULTURAL BACKGROUND IS DIFFERENT FROM YOUR AND CONDUCT RESEARCH FROM THE FOLLOWING: LIBRARY, INTERNET, VIDEOS, WIKIPEDIA, ETC., ABOUT THE CULTURE. ARRANGE AN INTERVIEW WITH THIS FAMILY AND COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:
WHAT LANGUAGE IS SPOKEN?
WHAT RELIGIONS ARE PROMINENT IN YOUR SOCIETY?
WHAT FOODS ARE TYPICALLY EATEN FOR:

BREAKFAST

LUNCH

SUPPER
HOW ARE EATING HABITS INFLUENCED BY THE FOOD AVAILABLE IN YOUR NATIVE COUNTRY?
ARE THERE CULTURAL TRADITIONS THAT ARE DIFFERENT FROM YOURS?
WHAT ARE THEY?
DO PEOPLE OF YOUR CULTURE CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS THAT I CELEBRATE?
WHAT CUSTOMS DO YOU HAVE FOR CELEBRATING THE DIFFERENT HOLIDAYS?
WHAT CUSTOMS OR TRADITIONS FROM THE ORIGINAL CULTURE HAVE BEEN CONTINUED BY YOUR FAMILY IN THIS COUNTRY?
ARE THE CLOTHES DIFFERENT HERE THAN IN YOUR CULTURE?
IDENTIFY AT LEAST 5 WAYS IN WHICH YOU ARE SIMILAR AND 5 THINGS WHICH MAKE YOU DIFFERENT.

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TELL HOW YOUR ATTITUDE OR FEELINGS TOWARDS PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT CULTURAL BACKGROUNDS HAS EFFECTED YOU?
HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT YOUR DIFFERENCES?
ATTEND CHURCH WITH YOUR FRIEND IF IT IS A DIFFERENT CHURCH THAN YOURS, OR ATTEND A CHURCH SERVICE OF A DIFFERENT CULTURAL GROUP. IDENTIFY 3 SIMILARITIES AND 3 DIFFERENCES YOU OBSERVE IN THE CHURCH SERVICES.

SIMILARITIES

1. ______________________________________
2. ______________________________________
3. ______________________________________

DIFFERENCES

1. ______________________________________
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